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WASHINGTON - Commission Vice Chair Michael K. Young of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), an independent and bipartisan federal agency, will hold a press conference on Commission recommendations for the President, Secretary of State, and Congress on North Korea. The international community has paid insufficient attention to the plight of the North Korean people. At a time when the United States is working with several Asian countries to address the crisis in North Korea, USCIRF is providing policy recommendations for advancing human rights, including religious freedom, as part of U.S. policy toward North Korea. Commissioner Young will discuss the policy recommendations and take questions from the press.

When: Thursday, June 12, 2003, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Where: Senate Dirksen Building, Room 628 (SD-628), 1st and C Streets, NE

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and the Congress.

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